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Remarks by the President on Oil Spill

The White House

May 02, 2010

“...Currently, the most advanced technology available is being used to try and stop a leak that is more than 5,000 feet under the surface. Because this leak is unique and unprecedented, it could take many days to stop. That's why we're also using every resource available to stop the oil from coming ashore and mitigating the damage it could cause. And much of the discussion here at the center was focused on if we, and when we have to deal with these mitigation efforts.”

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/remarks-president-oil-spill>

The screenshot shows the White House website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'BLOG', 'PHOTOS & VIDEO', 'BRIEFING ROOM', 'ISSUES', 'the ADMINISTRATION', 'the WHITE HOUSE', and 'our GOVERNMENT'. Below this is a search bar and a video player. The video player shows President Obama speaking at a podium. To the right of the video player, there's a text block with the title 'President Obama Speaks on NYC Incident and BP Oil Spill in Louisiana', the date 'May 02, 2010 | 7:42', a description of the event, and links to 'Read the Transcript' and 'Download Video'.

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President Obama Speaks on NYC Incident and BP Oil Spill in Louisiana

May 02, 2010 | 7:42

After surveying the BP oil spill and federal response in the Gulf Region, the President discusses the enormous scope of the disaster and the ongoing federal commitment in Venice, Louisiana. He also speaks about the incident in Time Square, New York and the ongoing local and federal response.

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United States Environmental Protection Agency

This site is an online resource for anyone seeking information on the **BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico**. It is intended to track EPA's ongoing work in the area and help answer questions about the incident.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.epa.gov/bpspill/>

Secretary Chu Announces more than \$200 Million for Solar and Water Power Technologies

U.S. Department of Energy

April 22, 2010

"Expanding the U.S. clean-energy manufacturing base is an important part of the Administration's goals to diversify electricity supply options, increase national security, and accelerate green jobs development," said Secretary Chu. "These investments will help strengthen American competitiveness in renewable energy and transform the U.S. into a lasting manufacturing presence in the 21st century clean-energy economy."

http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=15953

Chair's Summary of the Sixth Meeting of the Leaders' Representatives of the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate

U.S. Department of state

April 19, 2010

The sixth Meeting at the Leaders' representative level of the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate met in Washington, DC, April 19, 2010. It was attended by officials from the seventeen major economies, as well as the United Nations, with Colombia, Denmark, Grenada, and Yemen also participating in the session.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2010/04/140479.htm>

Secretaria de Estado Hillary Rodham Clinton en la reunión ministerial de la Alianza de Energía y Clima para las Américas (AECA)

Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo

Washington D.C.

15 de abril de 2010

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.america.gov/st/energy-spanish/2010/April/20100416141635eaifas0.6802484.html>

A Human Health Perspective on Climate Change

National Institute of Health

April 21, 2010

The report highlights 11 key categories of diseases and other health consequences that are occurring or will occur due to climate change. It provides a starting point for coordination of federal research to better understand climate's impact on human health. The recommendations of the working group include research to identify who will be most vulnerable, and what efforts will be most beneficial.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/docs/climatereport2010.pdf>

U.S. Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Intensities Over Time: a Detailed Accounting of Industries, Government and Households

U.S. Department of Commerce

April 21, 2010

The study looks at the ways in which the American economy's greenhouse gas emissions have changed over the past decade.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.esa.doc.gov/co2/>

Changes in the Arctic: Background and Issues for Congress

Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress

March 30, 2010

The diminishment of Arctic sea ice has led to increased human activities in the Arctic, and has heightened concerns about the region's future. The five Arctic coastal states—the United States, Canada, Russia, Norway, and Denmark (of which Greenland is a territory)—are in the process of preparing Arctic territorial claims for submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. Arctic climate change is expected to affect the economies, subsistence, health, population, societies, and cultures of Arctic indigenous peoples.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/R41153.pdf>

Deforestation and Climate Change

Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress

March 24, 2010

Efforts to mitigate climate change have focused on reducing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions into the atmosphere. Policies aimed at reducing deforestation are central points of a strategy to decrease carbon emissions, reflected in pending legislation in Congress (e.g., H.R. 2454 and S. 1733) as well as in international discussions, such as the December 2009 negotiations in Copenhagen. The report provides basic information on forests and climate change.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/R41144.pdf>

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Cutting Climate Change's Gordian Knot

YaleGlobal. John C. Topping Jr

April 2, 2010

Black carbon, commonly known as soot, a byproduct of incomplete combustion, is a major contributor to global warming. It also can have significant, deleterious effects on one's health. Several environmental groups are asking the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to regulate black carbon under the Clean Water Act on the grounds that it affects sea ice and glaciers. While the proposal may have little chance of success, climate expert John C. Topping Jr. notes that it is only one of many efforts around the world to reduce black carbon.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/cutting-climate-changes-gordian-knot>

Coverage of Petroleum Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions Under Climate Policy

Pew Center on Global Climate Change

April 2010

The petroleum sector, which includes the production, import, processing, transportation, and distribution of crude oil and refined products such as gasoline, heating oil, diesel, propane, and jet fuel, is a significant source of U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Recent GHG cap-and-trade proposals have covered petroleum-related emissions by placing the point of regulation at the petroleum refinery or point of import of refined products. The paper provides an overview of the petroleum sector, identifying the key entities and associated facilities in the petroleum supply chain.
<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.pewclimate.org/docUploads/coverage-petroleum-sector-emissions.pdf>

Extreme Allergies and Global Warming

National Wildlife Federation

April 14, 2010

The report says many allergy triggers are worsening as a result of climate change unless action is taken to curb global warming pollution and prepare communities for the changes to come.
http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/News-by-Topic/Global-Warming/2010/~media/PDFs/Global%20Warming/Reports/NWF_AllergiesFinal.ashx

Climate Change and Urban Water Utilities: Challenges & Opportunities

The World Bank

April 2010

The key objectives of this document are to: 1) improve understanding and awareness of the operational implications of climate change on the provision of water and wastewater services by urban utilities; 2) present adaptation actions conducted at the utility level for inspiration; 3) establish an analytical framework to assist Bank staff and client countries' utility managers to identify and prioritize potential climate change adaptation measures; and 4) assess the feasibility of implementing adaptation measures based on a set of criteria.
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The Global Climate Change Regime

Council on Foreign Relations

April 20, 2010

The report gives a broad-sweeping look at international efforts to combat climate change. This is part of the Global Governance Monitor, an interactive feature tracking multilateral approaches to several global challenges.
http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.cfr.org/publication/21831/global_climate_change_regime.html?breadcrumb=%2Fpublication%2Fby_type%2Fbackgrounder

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